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Today's Topics:

                    Eliminate the Written Exam (3 msgs)  
                            Exam of No Code Tech  
            What prevents someone from having 2 amateur licenses?

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Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1993 02:51:45 CST  
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!eff!news.oc.com!  
utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!ricksys!news@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: Eliminate the Written Exam  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

alanb@hpnmdla.sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom) writes:

> It might surprise some who are familiar with my earlier postings  
> to learn that I would not be opposed to eliminating the CW exam \*\*IF\*\*  
> the written exam could be beefed up to compensate. Unfortunately that  
> is very unlikely to happen. Witness the Technician exam: when the code  
> test was eliminated, there was no change to the written.

I discussed this with some hams back a couple of months ago.  
When I said there was talk of reducing the CW requirements and  
increasing the difficulty of the theory exam, one of the hams said  
"What's the point, if your radio [a DJ580T] has a problem are  
you going to fix it?" (Actually that's not an exact quote.)  
He was of the opinion that other than some electrical safety including

how to ground things for lightning protection.

Of course increasing the theory wouldn't be a real problem as long as they didn't get carried away, It's the morse code that I have a problem learning. I've been offered an FT-707 if I upgrade to General by April 3 but it still is hard for me to make myself practice the code.

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If I bounce (the maps have errors that I have no control over) then use  
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Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1993 16:20:57 GMT

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Subject: Eliminate the Written Exam

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

The amateur radio licence was originally set up for radio  
EXPERIMENTERS, and the requirements for getting one reflect this.

If someone wishes to operate radios, but not experiment in any way, most countries have more appropriate licences. Business type licences allow one to avoid any need for technical knowledge whatsoever, but this has to be paid for by being tied to using only type approved radios, and have them maintained by technically qualified people. The lack of others to talk to could make this attractive as an alternative to the closed repeater conversation club, the FCC or equivalent will enforce their exclusivity.

If someone wishes to operate radios, but not experiment, at very low cost, they should consider a CB licence. I'm not joking or trying to be smart - CB seems to be total mayhem to me and filled with all sorts of people I really would not like to meet, the point I'd like to make is that if Amateur radio became a non-technical hobby and the licence requirements were relaxed to reflect this ( no exam of any form), then you must consider whether there is a risk of the amateur bands changing into CB bands. What, for example, would most of the CB population do when they found out that many MHz of new bands had become available without any effort being needed ? Supply your own answers.

Will ANY form of open access radio come to resemble CB ??

I've come across some good people who are CBers, but they do seem to be outnumbered. I've come across a few rather unpleasant specimens on the

Amateur bands too, so this is about majorities, not entireties.  
The technical stuff isn't insurmountable, and I'm not alone in being  
prepared to do what I can to help anyone that asks.

David ( Caution ! this message may contain any combination of  
British idiom, spelling, misspelling, subtlety, irony, sarcasm and  
errors)

irony and/or sarcasm )

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Date: 25 Feb 93 21:17:57 GMT  
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In Japan they have a much better personal radio (CB) service on 900 MHz.  
There's a lot of channels, direct addressing of stations. I get the  
feeling it works alot like CHAT. The cellular people and the rest of the  
US land mobile scuttled implementation of that in the US.

-Ron

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Date: Thu, 25 Feb 93 19:40:43 GMT  
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!  
destroyer!cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!alberta!adec23!  
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zlau@arrl.org (Zack Lau) writes:  
>Finally, many of the HF contesters are so skilled that they  
>can easily be worked with a milliwatt  
What drugs are you on? Zack? Whenever I have been involved in any  
contest activity I always leave thinking contesters are deaf! I  
can call for hours using California QRP (100W) and still have no one  
come back to me.

Maybe, it's because no one wants to talk to me :-)

Thanks for the chuckle, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

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Date: 18 Feb 93 01:10:48 GMT  
From: pacbell.com!sgiblab!munari.oz.au!metro!mippet.ci.com.au!eram!  
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Subject: What prevents someone from having 2 amateur licenses?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <9302150345.AA10349@ucsd.edu>,  
wright@morekypr.BITNET writes:

| Well, I have a way to check against a system like DMV files and I show  
| that the correct name is Lucia A. Szymanski. A = Aragon and is a FEMALE  
| not a male.

Wonder how she feels about being discussed all over Internet and elsewhere?

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